

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREERS

Early childhood educators can find success in a variety of growing careers.⁵

The number of jobs for early childhood educators in the U.S. in 2019 was⁶ **1,146,400**

11% overall job growth for preschool teachers and child care center directors¹

Job Outlook¹

Excellent

Preschool & Elementary Administrator

Administrators are usually principals or directors who manage programs and schools, including teachers and staff, curriculum, activities, budget, security. Overall, they ensure the environment is adequate for learning.²

- Average salary: \$69,000¹

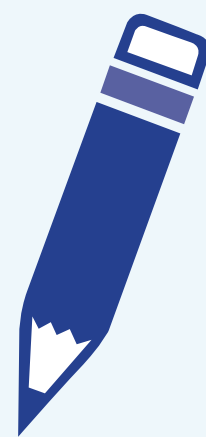


Great

Preschool, Kindergarten, or Elementary School Teacher

Preschool teachers focus on the basics (colors, shapes, numbers, social behavior, etc.) so children are prepared to enter a proper school setting. Kindergarten teachers continue to help develop mental, physical, and social skills. Elementary school teachers incorporate specific subjects, assign more detailed homework, and create lesson plans per curriculum requirements.²

- Average salary of a preschool teacher: \$30,200¹
- Average salary of a kindergarten teacher: \$40,300¹
- Average salary of an elementary school teacher: \$44,400¹



Good

Home-Based Service Provider

Home-based service providers, often called nannies or caregivers, work one-on-one in the child's home. They combine the comfort of home with the value of an early education. With a great amount of trust from the parent or guardians, at-home services providers help with additional tasks in the home while continuing to develop the child's skills.³

- Average salary: Ranges from \$14,000 to \$35,000³



Fair

Special Education Teacher

Special education teachers work with children who have a variety of social, academic, emotional, or physical delays or impairments. By assessing and working with each student, these teachers help develop plans to meet their individual needs. Special education teachers play a vital role in student success; they are essential for enhancing students' long-term development.⁴

- Average salary: \$46,000¹



Poor

Soft skills that can help early childhood professionals succeed⁵

Flexibility

Patience

Creativity

Drive

Leadership

Energy

Education requirements for these positions depend on locations, although a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, teaching certifications, and national exams are needed or highly suggested for this field.²

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